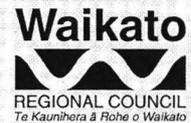


PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed
Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and
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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely effects the environment, and
 - does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Why don't you put this in way that can be understood?

THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

see attached email document.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets. No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

Signature:

L M Watkins

Date: 8/3/2017

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ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

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My wife and I farm a family owned (more than 100yrs) sheep and beef property near Tirau in the Waikato. We employ 1 full time staff.

We are currently operating at a reduced stocking rate after dry summers and facial eczema challenges.

My age is also a factor in our current operation, with the management demands that are required with higher stocking rates.

These rates and production were achieved with particular systems not unlike current dairy operations apart from the introduction of bought in supplements.

We have pursued sheep and beef farming in an area now predominantly running dairy operations or dairy support. Our land type is no different than a number of our dairy farming neighbours.

I have tried to make sense of the Plan Changes and how they will affect our farming operation in the future.

3.11.3 of the plan change would prevent us from returning to the levels of production achieved pre- 2014 /2015.

In the event of a young motivated farmer with energy and drive taking the helm, it would be akin to having an athletics meet where young and old competed together, but the young would not be allowed to overtake the old.

This type of restrictive control is unscientific, anti-business, anti-competitive, socially destructive to rural communities and totally unfair.

Science: The use of Overseer in predicting nitrogen losses into waterways is not reliable. (Massey University researchers Dr Ranvir Singh and David Horne's work on a range of various soil types indicate some concerning anomalies.)

Danish research has found similar irregularities with a 'model' approach and 'actual' results.

Also Victoria University researchers have promoted the Land Utilisation and Capability Indicator approach (LUCI). One site at the Massey University Tuapaki Farm, Overseer had predicted 8kg/ha of N was lost, when the actual amount of N lost was only 2.37kg/ha.

Attenuation makes Overseer a highly questionable model.

The Overseer model cannot take into account climatic variances that require farmers (especially on hilly farms) to add stock or change a class of stock (eg. more cattle) to cope with the extra growth.

Farmers need to have flexibility in their farming operations to make efficient use of pasture.

A reliance on this faulty science will negatively affect the future potential production of our sheep and beef farming operation.

Business: The misuse of science that would reward polluters and punish low emitting farmers is very concerning. The cost effectiveness of fencing the upper reaches of waterways from stock in low pressure environments, where contamination is minimal, must be practical and also based on a BCR just as any other enterprise would. The failure to do this will cripple many hill country farms.

It is in the interests of the whole country to understand the need for diversification and not be reliant on what some consider an imbalance of land use. (ie the shift from sheep to dairy).

The need for sheep & beef properties to remain viable requires a shift from the Grand parenting approach, where the end justifies the means, to a measured system. Failure to do this will only harm the long term objective of a balanced environment. Future generations will struggle to survive the debt loading needed.

The financial sustainability of our farming operation will be jeopardised by the inequity we face due to Grand parenting. Alternative low emission land use types should be encouraged not thwarted.

Socially: The ability to have a variety of financially sustainable farming operations is essential for strong healthy communities.

The reliance of our rural community on our farms' sound economic performance will be compromised.

Fair: As much as is reasonably possible, business's need to have a level playing field. The final outcomes must be fair to all.

The system as it stands is unfair towards our farming operation.

Lloyd & Margaret Watkins -Tirau